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2 telephone and say I have left Hemdale, I'm now
3 with Plaza, I look forward to doing business
4 with you in my role at Plaza? How did that
5 happen?

6 A. Well, as I mentioned before I think
7 that's what happened. It may have been that I
8 stayed in touch with him, I don't recall, but I
9 do believe, I think it is probable that he
10 contacted us after he started a new company. I
11 honestly don't recall that.

12 Q. What was the first order that you
13 received, you, WRS, received from Plaza?

14 A. I don't remember that, but the
15 orders started small. Whatever it was it was a
16 modest amount of money. As they got new titles
17 and as they started expanding the distribution
18 their orders increased, but our collections on
19 account started slowing down. The bigger they
20 got they had cash flow issues.

21 Q. Are there any documents or set of
22 documents that you are aware of that are either
23 in this room or perhaps elsewhere where you
24 would be able to reconstruct the first set of
25 orders from Plaza in the sense of what titles

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2 they were for, what were the quantities and to
3 whom those orders were shipped?

4 MR. GIBSON: Can I interrupt?
5 Some of the stuff here --

6 MR. REILLY: You can look at
7 some of the stuff here that is available.
8 Don't answer until you look.

9 A. As I understand your question I
10 don't think there was any reason for us to know
11 that. As far as, I mean, once the
12 manufacturing is done the next stage is
13 collection, and once the bill is paid if the
14 bill is paid in full the computer deletes the
15 invoice because there is no reason to keep
16 that. There would have been lots of records
17 but not organized the way you are asking about.
18 I will take a look through here and see if
19 there is anything I can --

20 MR. GIBSON: I think at the
21 very end there was a letter back in 1996.

22 THE WITNESS: On the bottom of
23 this?

24 MR. GIBSON: Yes, the very
25 bottom, there were records back in June 1996

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2 submitted to WRS an account application for the
3 purpose of inducing WRS to provide duplication
4 and fulfillment services to Plaza on a credit
5 basis.

6 Do you see that statement in the
7 Complaint?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. By virtue of the letter that we just
10 talked about where it appeared that the
11 relationship between Plaza and WRS was
12 established in August 1996 it appears that
13 there was some commercial relationship that
14 existed between WRS and Plaza prior to
15 July 24, 1998?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you have any idea or concept of
18 the volume of business that WRS did with Plaza
19 between August 1996 and July 1998?

20 A. Somewhere in these documents we have
21 a statement. The March 31 statement shows that
22 they had a balance of \$66,000, so it would have
23 been something in excess of that as a total
24 amount of business over that time period.

25 Q. What year is the document that you

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2 are reading from?

3 A. 1997. This is dated March 31, 1997.

4 MR. SIEMINSKI: Let's mark
5 that as Exhibit 3 please.

6 (Napor Exhibit No. 3 was marked
7 for identification.)

8 Q. What I understand you to be saying
9 in response to my question is that the volume
10 of business had to be at least -- I was going
11 to repeat the figure you gave me, but it
12 appears that the total of this document
13 Exhibit 3 is \$121,000 and change?

14 A. I'm sorry, I was giving the current
15 balance. Yes, that's correct, \$121,972.

16 Q. Since that document is dated 1997 it
17 would appear that the volume of business that
18 WRS did with Plaza prior to July 24, 1998 was
19 at least approximately \$121,000?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Could have been more?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Doesn't appear that it could have
24 been less based on the document you are
25 holding?

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2 provide duplication and fulfillment services to
3 Plaza on a credit basis.

4 My point is while you are looking
5 through the documents it appears that Plaza was
6 already doing a substantial amount of
7 business -- I recognize substantial is subject
8 to interpretation but \$121,000 is fairly
9 substantial -- and so Plaza was doing
10 substantial business with WRS prior to July 24,
11 1998.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. I'm trying to understand what the
14 basis for account application was if in fact
15 WRS already had an account open for Plaza as of
16 July 24, 1998.

17 A. Well, again, I can't tell you if
18 this is the first application. I can tell you
19 that they did start small as a start-up
20 operation and as they developed, as their
21 business developed their business strung out
22 because they were short on cash. They had a
23 big job that they wanted to get done and maybe
24 more than one job but they had John Herklotz's
25 job, Giant of Thunder Mountain, and we are

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2 unwilling to provide any additional credit
3 beyond what we had done without payment
4 guarantees and additional documentation to
5 protect us.

6 Q. So you asked Plaza to submit an
7 account application, a copy of which is
8 appended to the Complaint as Exhibit A?

9 A. My recollection is that we wanted to
10 formalize what we were and put protections in
11 place because we were running into larger
12 amounts, larger credit amounts and credit
13 requests, so whatever we had was not adequate
14 to give us a comfort level to provide them any
15 additional credit.

16 Q. As of July 1998 was there a
17 substantial account receivable that was on your
18 books that you were concerned about?

19 A. As of this statement, Exhibit 3,
20 which was dated March --

21 MR. REILLY: That is '97. His
22 question was --

23 A. Isn't that what we are talking
24 about?

25 Q. Actually, I said as of July 1998.

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2 Mr. Reilly's observation, which I'm happy to
3 have you answer too, do you have any document
4 that you can refer to to tell me whether there
5 was an account receivable owed to WRS by Plaza
6 as of July 1998 and if so what was that amount?

7 MR. REILLY: May I show him
8 the Answers to Interrogatories which has the
9 documents in it?

10 MR. SIEMINSKI: Sure.

11 A. Can you repeat the last question
12 please.

13 (Last question read back.)

14 BY MR. SIEMINSKI:

15 Q. Sometimes the answer to a question
16 is I don't know. Apparently this is one of
17 those situations. I'm not trying to be overly
18 negative, but we have three people now poring
19 over an unorganized set of documents for ten
20 minutes and nobody can find the answer to the
21 question, so it may be here in this room and it
22 is your recollection you don't have an answer
23 to the question right now?

24 A. Okay. Yeah, we can't find what you
25 are asking for in July.

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2 Q. Of course the reason why I was
3 pinning it to July is that that is a date that
4 has some prominence in the Complaint which was
5 filed on behalf of WRS, so I wanted to state
6 that for the record.

7 What did WRS do in July 1998 or any
8 time a month prior to that or a month after
9 that to assess Plaza's creditworthiness?

10 A. We had made a decision that we
11 weren't going to do any more work unless we got
12 paid or unless we had significantly more
13 collateral. That's my recollection.

14 Q. This is in the context of you had
15 done some significant amount of business with
16 Plaza prior to July 1998. There was some
17 request whether it was tied to Giant of Thunder
18 Mountain or otherwise for an order that was
19 substantially larger than any prior single
20 order by Plaza; is that right?

21 A. That's right, and also they had a
22 balance that was behind. I don't know what the
23 balance was in July, but it was a past due
24 balance indicated in earlier statements in
25 these documents.

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2 dubs of the Giant of Thunder Mountain video?
3 The reason I'm asking is in Interrogatory
4 Answer No. 1 it would suggest that it was in
5 May 1998 and Answer No. 2 suggests that it was
6 April 1998 and I'm trying to establish when
7 that occurred.

8 A. I am looking to see when we got the
9 order, but the discussions preceded the order
10 and the requirements for our accepting an order
11 were that we had to be paid the old balance and
12 be provided additional collateral. we could
13 not extend and would not extend any more credit
14 that are for that without being assured we were
15 going to be paid.

16 Q. You have testified that there was a
17 request to produce an order that was
18 substantially in excess of prior orders and you
19 had a concern about the prior balance.

20 Are you certain that that request
21 was for duplication of Giant of Thunder
22 Mountain? Are you certain of that?

23 A. Am I certain of what?

24 Q. That the request that caused you to
25 have the prior balance paid off and provide

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2 additional collateral was associated with a
3 request by Plaza to reproduce quantities of the
4 Giant of Thunder Mountain video?

5 A. Yes, as well as to collect the past
6 due balance, and the order it looks like that
7 we finally entered here which has been talked
8 about prior to the order coming in, it looks
9 like it is dated April 29, 1998, actually the
10 dubbing order was not generated until May 1,
11 we may not have had the documentation at that
12 time, their purchase order was dated April 24.

13 MR. REILLY: Look through that
14 before you testify because there are a number
15 of documents.

16 A. Here is another purchase order dated
17 April 29. There was an increase on the
18 purchase order dated April 30.

19 Q. Those are all Giant of Thunder
20 Mountain?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Were there any other videos, any
23 other titles in this time frame that Plaza was
24 requesting reproduction of?

25 A. Probably, but nothing of this

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2 services?

3 A. Either Joe Gerek or me.

4 Q. Anything of note in the documents
5 that you are taking a look at?

6 A. The order was shipped it appears on
7 the 23rd of April, but there is a note here
8 from Plaza dated July 14. It says it is
9 attached, so this would have been referring to
10 a different order. That was not the screeners.
11 This is attached to the wrong one.

12 Q. Jack, what quantity of video
13 cassettes was shipped on April 23, 1998?

14 A. It looks like 10,000

15 Q. I take it we have to look through
16 various invoices or shipment records to
17 determine what videos were sent versus being
18 able to refer to one document that would
19 indicate that in sort of a spreadsheet form?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. As you had just indicated, it
22 appears from a document that you are referring
23 to now that there was approximately 10,000
24 Giant of Thunder Mountain videos shipped on
25 April 23, 1998?

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2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. What was the amount that was billed
4 for that or invoiced for those videos?

5 A. Invoice 117027.

6 MR. REILLY: That wouldn't be
7 it. Wouldn't it show on there (indicating)?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, it would.

9 Q. It appears that the earliest invoice
10 on this printout is May 15, 1998.

11 A. Once an invoice was paid, then the
12 computer takes them off just like credit
13 statements, but if we have an earlier statement
14 it might show that. I did see some statements
15 somewhere. \$18,924.77.

16 Q. What are you reading from?

17 MR. REILLY: What are you
18 referring to?

19 A. I didn't hear your question.

20 Q. What document were you reading from?

21 A. Our statement of November 30, 1999.

22 Q. That refers back to the invoice?

23 A. Invoice for these 10,000 screeners
24 of Giant of Thunder Mountain.

25 MR. REILLY: Does it show the

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2 were entitled to it. I think he in good
3 conscience was looking to confirm what did he
4 owe, and I think he was also looking for some
5 reason why he didn't have to pay it, so I just
6 made it available to him.

7 As I recall, he and his attorney
8 were out there, the attorney was with him a day
9 and a half or two days. John was there another
10 day on his own and then he expected to stay
11 there until he completed this, but then he said
12 he had to go back to California for something
13 and he would be back in a couple weeks and left
14 all the stuff out.

15 That got delayed a couple times and
16 I think his attorney came out one day. As I
17 recall, I think it was the attorney was going
18 to copy something, John may have, I don't
19 remember, but again they were all things that
20 could be manufactured. We knew what they were.
21 There is no magic about these numbers and
22 invoices and statements.

23 Over the time, and we haven't been a
24 fully functional business, it is a 200,000 foot
25 building with a lot of stuff in it and I have a

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2 handful of employees, we are liquidating
3 equipment, consolidating accounts, cleaning up
4 space so we can liquidate, and somewhere along
5 the line we have lost track of some of the
6 paperwork because I remember it being much more
7 voluminous than we have now, but I also don't
8 think there was anything in there that is
9 germane. I think we have all the important
10 stuff here.

11 Q. I honestly don't want to make this
12 into an exercise of looking through documents
13 for extended periods of time this afternoon --

14 A. I really appreciate that. Thank
15 you, sir.

16 Q. -- but is there any document that
17 you can put your hands on quickly here this
18 afternoon that would indicate that as of
19 August 31, 1998 Plaza owed a total of \$685,379?

20 A. How about this one that actually
21 shows that as of that date this \$720,679?

22 MR. REILLY: What you are
23 referring to is an account statement of
24 August 31, 1998; is that right?

25 A. I think what happened is we picked

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2 Paragraph 19 of the Complaint a set of orders
3 that reflect that, production work orders that
4 reflect that, shipping orders perhaps that
5 might reflect at least the number of videotapes
6 that were attendant to that figure, and then
7 finally there should be invoices that support
8 that amount. Maybe all that documentation
9 exists and maybe it is all in the room, but it
10 is not here in one neat package and that's part
11 of what I'm trying to get to.

12 A. The reason it is not part of one
13 neat package, John, is that there were lot of
14 people who have been through it including
15 Mr. Herklotz and his attorney in the beginning,
16 and this stuff has been shuffled back and forth
17 and moved and disorganized and I haven't taken
18 the time to put it in, and I thought once we
19 gave you what you asked for perhaps one of your
20 staff would have put it together sequentially
21 by date.

22 We did provide copies of all the
23 invoices and Plaza has received statements from
24 the time this was going on, '97, '98, '99,
25 2000. If there were any questions of accuracy

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2 shipping things to?

3 A. I don't know all of them because I
4 didn't look at all of them, but just thumbing
5 through here it appears that these are invoices
6 that were generated either by us or by Plaza to
7 their customers. We must have done them.

8 Q. It shows Plaza Entertainment, Inc.
9 located at 1,000 Napor Boulevard.

10 A. Yes. When Plaza was having trouble
11 getting their records straight and collecting
12 money and paying us and so forth and they were
13 having trouble keeping their staff on is when
14 we made the agreement to take over those
15 services for them.

16 Q. I thought that was in 1998,
17 October 1998 was the Services Agreement when
18 you took over. Were there other invoices? The
19 other invoices sent before that were apparently
20 going out from Plaza and then the receipts were
21 going to a lock box in California or WRS?

22 A. I think we are maybe talking about
23 two different service agreements. One of them
24 was an agreement that guaranteed we were going
25 to get paid which Herklotz, von Bernuth and

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2 Parkinson signed --

3 Q. In 1998?

4 A. -- in 1998 that we called the
5 Services Agreement. Then when they asked us to
6 take over the physical distribution, the
7 fulfillment of their stuff, we were generating
8 invoices and trying to collect money for them,
9 and that is when the proceeds of that went into
10 a lock box.

11 We had an account with Plaza and
12 then we had a Plaza business if you will set up
13 with this where when people would order Plaza's
14 business at 1000 Napor Boulevard we would
15 manufacture, ship and bill and the proceeds
16 went into a lock box. The cost, and I don't
17 remember the exact percentage, but the
18 manufacturing costs came off the top and then
19 we split the proceeds.

20 Q. Are we missing a subsequent
21 agreement or is this all under the 1998
22 agreement?

23 A. I'm not sure there was a formal
24 additional agreement for doing that. This is
25 when earlier we were asking about how did that

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2 happen and I had mentioned that Plaza said they
3 had accounts receivable of \$2.2 million that
4 kept eroding every time we asked.

5 We said look, maybe we can help you
6 with this and about a year later they said we
7 are just not getting it done, why don't you do
8 that.

9 At that point I sent a couple people
10 to the West Coast to get those records and find
11 out what was going on. They spent four or five
12 days there doing this but the records were
13 incomplete, disorganized, brought back what
14 they could. They had a lot of pieces of it
15 missing. Some of it was at Plaza's Fulfillment
16 Center in Arkansas as I recall, but these
17 invoices and statements were generated as a
18 result of our helping them do that.

19 There was never anything like we
20 were never able to collect or find anything
21 like they represented was due, and we found
22 that there were a lot of collection issues with
23 their clients on some of the former alleged
24 receivables.

25 Q. Going ahead to October 2000, that's

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2 A. As part of this agreement when we
3 took that over -- let me go back a couple of
4 steps. Plaza had offices and operation sales
5 offices and accounting and everything in Los
6 Angeles. We manufactured in Pittsburgh and
7 fulfilled orders, manufactured and shipped
8 where they said. Overstock and returns went to
9 Plaza's facility in Arkansas and Plaza was
10 reshipping some of those returned goods from
11 Arkansas to fulfill other orders.

12 MR. REILLY: Wait. Who sent
13 the invoices out?

14 THE WITNESS: Plaza in all
15 cases sent the invoices out.

16 MR. REILLY: And Plaza's
17 customers paid Plaza?

18 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

19 MR. REILLY: If they paid at
20 all?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 A. Then it got to a time where Plaza
23 could no longer afford to maintain its own
24 operation. They were having troubles keeping
25 track of their records and mostly they couldn't

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afford to pay the rent and keep their staff.
They came to us and said look, would you do
what we are doing here in the office, which we
did, which was generating the invoice and
collecting the money and the collections into
the lock box. The lock box arrangement was
that we got paid our manufacturing costs off
the top and then we split 50/50, and those
proceeds were put on the Plaza account.

MR. GIBSON: I will have more
questions next time.

MR. SIEMINSKI: As will I. We
are breaking for now to resume at a date to be
agreed upon as mutually convenient.

(Signature waived.)

(Whereupon, the above-entitled
matter was concluded at 4:35 p.m.)

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2 Q. Did you in any way, and when I say
3 you I mean you, Jack Napor, and to your
4 knowledge anyone at WRS, advise Mr. Herklotz
5 that the Services Agreement was going to be
6 entered into?

7 MR. REILLY: One reservation
8 before you answer that question. That
9 presupposes that they had a duty to do that or
10 that advising somebody else on behalf of
11 Herklotz is tantamount to advising him. The
12 question as I understand it is did he
13 personally or anybody else personally talk to
14 Mr. Herklotz.

15 MR. SIEMINSKI: I understand
16 your objection because it was set forth in
17 interrogatory answers, so I follow that and
18 that is on the record. You qualified it in a
19 personal way that I don't necessarily want the
20 question to be limited to.

21 MR. REILLY: Did Jack or
22 anybody else at WRS talk to Mr. Herklotz?

23 MR. SIEMINSKI: Right.

24 BY MR. SIEMINSKI:

25 Q. Let me try to put it in plain

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2 was contemplated under this Agreement about
3 returns and how returns were to be handled.

4 A. Well, returns processing typically
5 worked for customers as I outlined. Again, in
6 Plaza's case they had established this separate
7 return center. I can't tell you whether this
8 was standard just because that's what the
9 business was all about and what was typical or
10 whether that was a specific discussion of that
11 here. I don't recall anything being a specific
12 discussion. I think that was just routine,
13 that's what happens.

14 Q. Was it the intent in nonlegal terms
15 of this Agreement to essentially have WRS take
16 over that portion of Plaza's business that
17 related to the tapes that Plaza had asked WRS
18 to reproduce?

19 A. I'm not sure I understand your
20 question.

21 Q. There was a situation where Plaza
22 had asked WRS to reproduce a large number of
23 tapes.

24 A. Right.

25 Q. That was done. There was a

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2 Q. To anybody. I just want to
3 understand why there would be a reference to
4 Dovenet on this document.

5 A. I don't know. Where do you see
6 Dovenet?

7 Q. Under the column Batch I.D.

8 A. I'm on a different page than you
9 are.

10 Q. The first sheet after Answer to
11 Interrogatory No. 1.

12 A. I don't know why it is on there, but
13 Dovenet is the new software. MCBA is the old
14 software, so it may have been prepared
15 partially from each different system, the two
16 systems.

17 Q. Does this document reflect invoice
18 amounts? Is that what it purports to
19 represent? Purchase order amounts, what are
20 the figures that are reflected here?

21 A. These are sales invoice amounts.

22 Q. In the Amount Remaining column, is
23 that intended to be a running total?

24 A. I believe that column is the
25 outstanding amount on each invoice.

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2 Q. If we would look to the dates of the
3 invoices, let me phrase it this way, if we were
4 trying to understand the dates of the invoices
5 themselves would we look to the document date
6 that is in the left-hand column?

7 A. I believe that's the case, yes.

8 Q. If I was trying to understand
9 invoices that were generated after the date for
10 instance of the Services Agreement I would
11 identify the date of the Services Agreement and
12 then all of the invoices after that date would
13 have been generated by WRS after the date of
14 the Services Agreement; is that fair?

15 A. I think that's correct.

16 Q. If you page through then to the
17 Answer to Interrogatory No. 16, it is the next
18 set of documents --

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. -- that's in reference to a question
21 or set of questions about the lock box account.
22 In response to a couple of questions about the
23 date and amount of each deposit to the lock box
24 account and the date and amount of each
25 disbursement from each account WRS set forth

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3 EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. GIBSON:

5 Q. I just have a few quick ones. Your
6 Interrogatories indicate the period of
7 17 months at \$5,000 a month that you are due
8 under the Services Agreement; is that correct?

9 A. Yes, but I don't believe any of
10 those months have been billed and so none of
11 them are reflected in the billings.

12 Q. What period of time were those
13 17 months, from the date of the Services
14 Agreement forward 17 months?

15 A. Yes, that would be my --

16 Q. So October 1998 to roughly
17 March 2000; would that be right?

18 A. February perhaps, but approximately.

19 Q. In your bankruptcy disclosure
20 statement your counsel indicates there were
21 problems with your software systems and
22 manufacturing software and one another. The
23 problems continued for an extended period of
24 time including 17 months when WRS was unable to
25 send clients statements of their accounts and

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2 where account balances were sometimes in two or
3 more independent and incompatible software
4 systems.

5 What period of time was that
6 17 months?

7 A. From the time we went on the new
8 system, which would have been January 2000, to
9 sometime late spring 2001.

10 Q. Say May 2001?

11 A. Somewhere in that ballpark, yes.
12 But again those computer issues have nothing to
13 do with, couldn't possibly have anything to do
14 with any of the accounts we are talking about
15 here of Plaza. In fact, both at 17 months just
16 happens to be a coincidence. There is no
17 correlation between those or the time frames.

18 Q. Page 1 of the document that was
19 attached to Answer to Interrogatory No. 1, it
20 says Plaza Entertainment on the top and then it
21 has listed Origin, Type, Document Number,
22 Check Number, Due Date, Audit Trail Code,
23 Batch I.D. and Currency I.D., and then down
24 below it has Document Date, Description,
25 Discount Amount, Writeoff Amount, Document